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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the Amendments filed on 05/31/05 and 11/25/05.
2. Claims 14-15, 25-26, 28-29, 34-35, and 38 are pending.
3. The indicated allowability of claims 14-15, 25-26, 28-29, and 34-35 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Takahashi et al ("Takahashi", USP 5887193) and Swanson (USP 5603034). Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 14-15, 25-26, 28-29, 34-35, and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al ("Takahashi", USP 5887193) and Swanson (USP 5603034)

Regarding claims 14 and 15, Takahashi teaches an apparatus comprising a storage medium having stored thereon a plurality of programming instructions designed to enable a media player of the apparatus to receive an identifier of a graphical display object (col 20, lines 34-60), retrieve default definition data of a class related to the graphical display object (col 21, lines 8-14), the class default definition data having default values for a first plurality of elements of the graphical display object (see Fig.

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30), retrieve custom definition data related to the graphical display object (col 21, lines 14-20), the custom definition data having custom values for a second plurality of elements of the graphical display object, one or more of the first and second elements being the same elements (see Fig. 30), build the graphical display object based (col 21, lines 33-57). Takahashi also teaches a processor communicatively coupled to the storage medium to execute the programming instructions (see Fig. 3). Takahashi does not explicitly teaches building the graphical display object based first, on the custom values of the second plurality of elements and then, on the default values of the first plurality of elements that are not included among the second plurality of elements. However, such feature is known in the art as taught by Swanson. Swanson teaches a graphical software editor for selectively modifying graphical resources in software applications which provides a main window graphical user interface object for interaction with the graphical resource editor (col 3, lines 49-54). Swanson further teaches generating graphical object from the custom files (col 7, lines 57-61) (col 8, lines 4-7, lines 42-47). Swanson further teaches using default files when custom files are not available (col 10, lines 8-16). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teaching of Takahashi and Swanson before him at the time the invention was made, to apply Swanson's teaching as addressed above in Takahashi's system with the motivation being to ensure that the custom file is applied first in building graphical object.

Regarding claims 25 and 28, Takahashi teaches the graphical display object relates to a graphical user interface object (Play Button Object, Rec Button Object) (see Fig. 32)

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Regarding claims 26 and 29, Takahashi teaches the graphical user interface object includes one or more selected from the group consisting of buttons, windows, menus, and touch sensitive screens (see Fig. 37)

Regarding claims 34-35, Takahashi teaches the media player is an audio player (see Fig. 32)

Regarding claim 38, Takahashi teaches the apparatus is a selected system one from the group consisting of a portable computing device, a portable audio player, a portable video player, a computer workstation, and an interactive television.

6. Applicant's arguments filed on **05/31/05** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

7. Applicant's amendments filed on **05/31/05** and **11/05/05** necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kieu D. Vu. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thu from 7:00AM to 3:00PM at 571-272-4057.

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